

Serial No. 10/821,560Docket No. 117-P-1345USD1**Amendments to the Claims**

A detailed list of all claims under examination is shown below. Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3-19, 31 and 36-39 as shown below in marked form:

1. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor comprising a strippable intermediate coating atop the substrate floor, and a strip-agent permeable coating topcoat atop the intermediate coating, wherein the ~~strip-agent permeable coating comprises~~ topcoat comprises a waterborne composition ~~and which after drying or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating, and sufficiently strip agent-permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the floor.~~

Claim 2 cancelled.

3. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the substrate floor comprises a resilient flooring material.

4. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor according to claim 3, wherein the substrate resilient flooring material comprises a vinyl ~~vinyl~~ or vinyl composite tile flooring.

5. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the substrate ~~comprises a wall, ceiling, label, emblem, sign or vehicle~~ resilient flooring material comprises vinyl composite tiles.

6. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic finish.

7. (currently amended): A coated substrate floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened finish in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene

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sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

8. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a dry coating thickness of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.
9. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a ~~polymerized~~ polymerizable material.
10. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat ~~comprised~~ comprises a one-part photopolymerizable material.
11. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat ~~comprised~~ comprises a UV curable material.
12. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.
13. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
14. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
15. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat is not ~~metal-crosslinked~~ metal-catalyzed.
16. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein after drying or hardening the topcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the topcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10%

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monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

17. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat has a thickness after drying or hardening of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.

18. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating or topcoat comprise two or more different layers of materials.

19. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~substrate comprises a floor~~ comprises a resilient flooring material and the strip agent-permeable coating comprises a UV curable finish.

Claims 20-30 cancelled.

31. (currently amended): A method for applying a strippable finish to a ~~substrate~~ floor, comprising:

- a) applying to the ~~substrate~~ floor a strippable intermediate coating;
- b) allowing the intermediate coating to dry or harden; and
- c) applying a ~~strip agent-permeable~~ topcoat to the intermediate coating,

wherein the topcoat comprises a waterborne composition and which after drying or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating, and sufficiently strip agent-permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the floor.

32. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is UV cured.

33. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the intermediate coating is applied in two or more coats.

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34. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is applied in two or more coats.

35. (original): A method according to claim 34, wherein each of said two or more coats is UV cured before application of any further coat.

36. (currently amended): A method ~~for removing a finish from a substrate~~ according to claim 31, comprising the further steps of:

- a) ~~d) applying a strip agent to a laminate finish comprising a strip agent permeable coating topcoat atop a strippable intermediate coating atop a substrate, wherein the strip agent permeable coating comprises a waterborne composition and is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating~~ the topcoat;
- b) ~~e) allowing the strip agent to permeate through the topcoat to attack the intermediate layer coating; and~~
- e) ~~f) removing the intermediate layer coating and topcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying substrate~~ floor.

37. (currently amended): A method according to claim 36, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the topcoat is enhanced ~~by a~~ by mechanically roughening the topcoat prior to applying the strip agent.

38. (currently amended): A method according to claim 36, wherein removal of the intermediate layer coating and topcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.

39. (currently amended): A coated ~~substrate~~ floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.

40. (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.